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In Re Application Of:    Alvarez, et al.						
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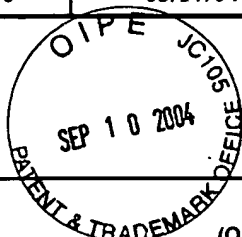
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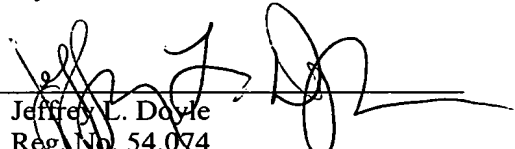
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Enclosed herewith is a listing of cited references (Form PTO-1449), as well as copies of four (4) foreign references cited by Applicants in the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Applicants have included with each of these four references an English translation of an abstract, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(ii).

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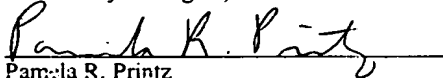
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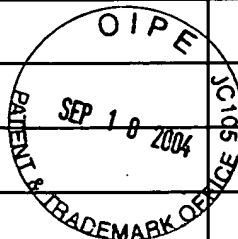
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